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(C) WILLIAMS/BROWN LETTER 7/26/77

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ANEW THE USER CHARGES AND COST DATA INVOLVED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIA) MIA OFFICIALS RECALL THAT NEW LANDING CHARGES WERE ORIGINALLY DISCRIMINATORY (AGAINST AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN) AND WERE A TIT-FOR-TAT RETALIATION. THIS APPROACH WAS NOT SUSTAINABLE, AND SINCE AIRPORT CHARGES HAD REMAINED AT LOW LEVEL FOR SOME SEVEN YEARS, PHILCAA WAS CHARGED WITH DEVISING A NEW RATE SCHEDULE.

2. NEW SCHEDULE WAS BASED ON AVERAGING LANDING FEES AT SEVEN AIRPORTS IN THE REGION -- BANGKOK, KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE, JAKARTA, SEOUL, TOKYO AND HONG KONG. IT WAS NO LONGER DISCRIMINATORY, BUT APPLIED TO ALL USERS. NEW FEES WERE THEREFORE NOT BASED ON USER COST STUDIES, ALTHOUGH MIA MANAGEMENT STATED THAT AIRPORT COSTS HAVE GONE UP TREMENDOUSLY OVER LAST SEVEN YEARS. BESIDES RECENTLY
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OPENED DEPARTURE BUILDING, MIA IS EXPANDING APRON AND BUILDING NEW TERMINAL WITH A 29.6 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

3. ONE U.S. CARRIER HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING COMPARATIVE LANDING FEES FOR 747 -- 1,230 DOLLARS AT TAIPEI AND 1,434 DOLLARS AT HONG KONG. BASIC MIA FEE IS 957 DOLLARS.

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